

1	2
Patiala	7
Jalandhar	5
Amritsar	5
Kapurthala	6
Hoshiarpur	8
Gurdaspur	4
Abohar	1
Sangrur	4
Fathegarh Sahib	3
Bhatinda	3
Barnala	2
Faridkot	4
Mansa	1
Moga	1
Total :	70

Survey of Railway Line

4099. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA :

SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey for Kuttipuram to Gurusvayoor railway line has been completed;

(b) if so, the major findings of the survey including the estimated cost and the total distance of the route;

(c) whether any change of route has been contemplated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The results of the survey are under finalisation in consultation with the Railway. The details would be available once the alignment is finalised.

[Translation]

Satellite Phone Service

4100. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to start Satellite telephone service in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) INSAT Satellite System is already being used as a long distance media to provide telephone service in the country.

(b) Satellite media is being used to provide long distance media to State Headquarters/Sub-Divisional Head Quarters/Tehsils/Tourist Centres/Pilgrimage places etc. in the country. This is also being used to provide transportable/mobile phone service.

(c) The service has already started.

[English]

Mining Operation

4101. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that NMDC Limited has planned out a detailed programme to the mining operation and to privatise its own mines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Mine-Accidents

4102. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mine-accidents took place during the last two years, district-wise, and mine-wise;

(b) the reasons for increase in mine-accidents; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to stop the mine-accidents?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). There is fluctuating trend in mine-accidents. Provisions for safety of persons employed in mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952, and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. The Directorate General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to the management for improving safety measures. These provisions are required to be complied with by the mine managements. The officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety inspect the mines periodically to oversee the status of compliance with the safety provisions, and to take action as provided for under the Mines Act, 1952, in case of default.

Besides the legislative measures, the Government is promoting a number of other initiatives, such as-

(i) Conference on safety in mines.

- (ii) Self-regulation by managements.
- (iii) Workers' participation in safety management
- (iv) Tripartite and Bipartite reviews at various levels.
- (v) Training of workpersons.
- (vi) Observance of safety weeks and Safety campaigns.
- (vii) National Safety Awards.

The Directorate General of Mines Safety has taken special drives to identify danger from inundation, status of flame proof equipment in the underground working in highly gassy mines i.e., mines in third degree of gassiness have been completed and mine managements have been addressed to take suitable precautionary measures. An exercise has been recently undertaken to review danger to surface structure workings, belowground in Jharia coal fields.

[Translation]

Development of Tourism in Uttar Pradesh

4103. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the certain areas of Uttar Pradesh which are important from the point of view of tourism are being neglected;

(b) if so, whether the 'Chetna Kendra' situated near the Ganga in Narora, district Badayun, Uttar Pradesh is not being maintained properly; and

(c) if so, the amount proposed to be spent for the development of the above mentioned tourist spot so as to attract the national and international tourists?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) :
(a) to (c). Maintenance and upkeep of tourist areas is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Department of Tourism provides central financial assistance to State Government for specific projects based on their merits, *inter se* priority and availability of funds. The Department of Tourism has not received any proposal from Government of Uttar Pradesh for 'Chetna Kendra'.

[English]

Doordarshan/AIR Kendras, Karnataka

4104. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :

SHRI ANANTH KUAMR :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Doordarshan/Akashvani Kendras in Karnataka at present, capacity-wise and location-wise;

(b) the total population of the area being benefited by their coverage.

(c) the number of Akashvani Kendras broadcasting the Commercial Service of Vividh Bharti; and

(d) the time by which the HPT at Mysore is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) As in the enclosed Statement-I and II.

(b) Whereas Doordarshan covers 69.9% population in Karnataka, All India Radio caters to 96% of population.

(c) Two All India Radio Kendras broadcast commercial service of Vividh Bharti.

(d) The Government has proposed to set up a HPT at Mysore. Such scheme takes three years for completion after financial sanction subject to availability of infrastructure facilities and *inter-se* priorities.

STATEMENT-I

TV Projects (As on 30.11.96)

State	Existing	Capacity (in Watts)
1	2	3
Karnataka	PPC	
		Bangalore
		Gulbarga
	HPT	
		Bangalore
		Dharwad
		Gulbarga
		Shimoga
	LPT	
		Arsikere
		Athani
		Bangalkot
		Bantwal
		Belgaum
		Bellary
		Bhatkal
		Bidar
		Bijapur
		Chickmagalur
		Chikodi
		Chitradurga
		Davangere